Vocational campus in tribal areas of West Bengal

3230. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY :
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE :

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to establish vocational campus in tribal areas of West Bengal with a view to impart education to girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs have two separate ongoing schemes for the setting up of (a) Vocational Training Centres for Scheduled Tribes and (b) Educational Complexes in low literacy pockets for Scheduled Tribe girls. Both the Schemes are in operation in West Bengal and other States of the Country.

(b) The details of the schemes are available in the Annual Report as well as on the website *(www.tribal.nic.in)* of the Ministry.

(c) Does not arise.

Achievements of poverty alleviation programmes

3231. SHRI C. O. POULOSE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that achievements in the field of alleviation of poverty in urban and rural areas during the Ninth Plan were less compared to previous Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details alongwith factors responsible therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in order to ease the hurdles being faced in the alleviation of poverty during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir. Planning Commission in their latest Estimates (1999-2000) have, in fact, indicated a decrease in the poverty ratio in urban as